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LAMP AND INJECTION MOLDING METHOD OF MAKING SAME
Atty. Docket No.: MASL-58

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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Sir:

DECLARATION

I, Earl J. LaFontaine, Acting Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, Lear Corporation, being duly cautioned and sworn, submit this Declaration in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2005 as an official of Lear Corporation (21557 Telegraph Road, Southfield, Michigan 48034) empowered to act on behalf of Lear Corporation, and state:

That Lear Corporation is the owner of U.S. Patent No. 6,945,581, entitled "INTEGRAL LIGHTING FOR CONSOLES", filed December 8, 2003 ('581 patent), as supported by the Exhibit that includes a copy of a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office record of an assignment to Lear Corporation recorded at Reel 016744, Frame 0254;

That the sole inventor, Bogdan Radu, of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/711,385, entitled "FLIP PACK SWITCH ASSEMBLY WITH

ELECTROLUMINESCENT LAMP AND INJECTION MOLDING METHOD OF MAKING SAME", and filed September 15, 2004 ('385 application), had an obligation to assign the invention described and claimed in the '385 application to Lear Corporation, as supported by the attached Exhibit that includes a copy of an "Employee Confidential Information and Intellectual Property Agreement" executed by Mr. Radu on October 17, 2001;

That the sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in the '385 application, Bogdan Radu, failed to execute a specific assignment of this application because Mr. Radu was an uncooperative, non-signing inventor for which a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(b) was granted, and Mr. Radu refused to execute a specific assignment of this application when presented for execution;

That the sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in the '385 application, Bogdan Radu, was an employee of Lear Corporation from approximately October 2001 through July 7, 2004, during which time Mr. Radu invented the invention described and claimed in the '385 application;

That, for at least these reasons, Lear Corporation is the owner of the '385 application;

That, consequently, the '385 application and the '581 patent were, at the time the invention of the '385 application was made, commonly owned by Lear Corporation;

Therefore, in summary, the Declaration and attached Exhibit factually support that the '385 application and the '581 patent were, at the time the invention of the '385 application was made, commonly owned by Lear Corporation because an obligation existed for

Bogdan Radu, the sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in the '385 application, to assign the invention described and claimed in the '385 application to Lear Corporation.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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All improvements, inventions, designs, and useful ideas conceived or made by me during my employment, or for three (3) years following my employment if based upon information I learned during my employment, which relate in any way to Lear's business shall be disclosed promptly in writing, drawing, or other tangible form to Lear and shall be its exclusive property. When requested, I agree to return to Lear all tangible embodiments therein together with all copies thereof and to execute applications, assignments, and other instruments to convey to Lear the exclusive right, title, and interest therein, and to render all other assistance which Lear deems necessary to make application for and obtain patents, trademarks or copyrights in the United States and other countries. This obligation shall continue beyond the term of my employment as to improvements, inventions, designs, and useful ideas conceived or made during the periods specified above.

I also agree that I will not, either during or after my employment, disclose or use any confidential or secret information pertaining to Lear's business, without permission of Lear in writing, nor otherwise engage in any activity detrimental to Lear's interests.

ACCEPTED _____ SIGNED *Reed Boyd*
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DATE _____ DATE 17 Oct 2001